Memorandum

Date: June 27, 2017

To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

From: Michael Burns, CalMod Chief Officer

Re: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

Construction Update

As discussed at the last meeting, execution of the FFGA grant occurred on May 22. Full Notice to Proceed has now been issued to both the electric train manufacturer, Stadler Inc., and the infrastructure contractor, Balfour Beatty, which means construction on the project will now begin.

Construction will begin in Segments 2 and 4 (see map). Crews will start at the northern end of these segments and proceed south, with South San Francisco and San Bruno being the first cities to see activities occur. Caltrain will mail the below construction notice to residents adjacent to the railroad right-of-way prior to work in each area. Caltrain will also hold community meetings in cities throughout the corridor prior to the start of construction activities.

The anticipated activities during this time include locating underground utilities, testing soil conditions, inspecting signal/communication equipment, and tree trimming/removal. After tree trimming/removal is complete, crews will begin work on the pole foundations for the overhead contact system. Work will take place during the day and at night with night work occurring between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.
Groundbreaking Press Conference
A groundbreaking press conference will be held on July 21 at the Millbrae Caltrain Station at 10:30 a.m. City mayors, council members, and CSCG staff are invited to attend this celebratory event. Save the dates will be sent this week with an invitation shortly after.

City Design Review Meetings
Caltrain is meeting with cities where 65% OCS pole design is complete. Currently, this includes cities in the northern ends of Segments 2 and 4 (see above map).

Electric Train Exterior
In a recent survey, riders were asked for their opinion about what the exterior of the new high-performance electric trains should look like. Approximately 6,331 total votes were cast between May 12 and May 19. Of those votes, 42.1 percent of the participants chose Option 1 (shown below). The train builder is now moving forward with Option 1 as the exterior.

The electric train microsite provides a critical avenue for public feedback on important design features. The microsite will feature polls on the seats and bike storage later this summer. The website can be accesses at www.calmodtrains.com.